## Most Common Contaminants



## Keep these common contaminants OUT of the recycling bins!



NO Recyclables in **Plastic Bags** 

Empty loose recyclables in bin but leave the plastic bag out.



NO Hoses, Holiday Lights, Hangers & **Extension Cords** 

They wrap around equipment and can shut down an entire facility.



NO Tires, Auto Parts & Scrap Metal

Can damage equipment and are safety hazards. Contact the Miami County Recycling District for assistance with these.

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NO Food Scraps or Liquids

Compost or throw it in the trash.



NO Plastic Bags, Film or Film **Packaging** 

Take plastic bags back to a local grocer to keep bags clean and dry and prevents them from shutting down recycling facilities.



NO Concrete, Wood or Construction Debris

Can damage equipment and are safety hazards. Check with a landfill for their policy on these materials.



NO Electronics or **Appliances** 

Bring these to the Miami County Recycling District for proper disposal.



NO Paper Napkins, Plates, Cups or Tissues.

Compost if possible, otherwise throw them in the trash. Remember to recycle the cardboard tube.



**NO** Yard Waste

Compost if possible. Check with your city or town to see if they have a compost area.



NO Clothes, **Bedding or Carpet** 

Donate if they are in good condition. Otherwise, they should go in the trash.



**NO** Polystyrene Foam (Styrofoam)

Foam and plastic to-go containers are not recyclable in this area. These items need to be put in the trash.



NO Non-Recyclable Plastic

Not everything that is plastic is recyclable! Recycle only food and beverage bottles, jars, and jugs if you are in doubt.

(This document is based on a Waste Management information page found on their website. There are some edits to adjust for local procedures.)